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In re Application of)	
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van VOSSEN et al.)	Customer No.: 37003
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Serial N°: 10/757,217)	Group Art Unit: 3663
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Filed: 14 January 2004)	Examiner: Hughes, Scott A.
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For: METHOD FOR RETRIEVING LOCAL)	Docket N°: 57.0554 US NP
NEAR SURFACE MATERIAL)	
INFORMATION)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- II. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

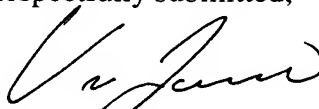
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments **Deposit Account No. 19-0615**
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) \$790.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §1.136 and §1.17) 120.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____

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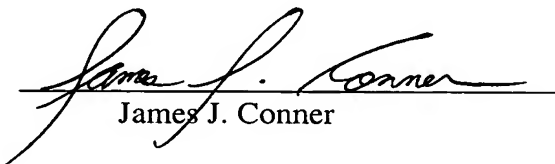
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